



AMA Museum dream about to come true

The long held dream of an Augusta Military Academy Museum moved closer to reality with the announcement that the AMA Alumni Association and the new owners of AMA plan a joint project to rehabilitate the old Roller home on campus to turn it into a repository for AMA memorabilia and school records.

The membership meeting at the reunion unanimously approved the proposal to create the AMA Museum. (more on page 19)

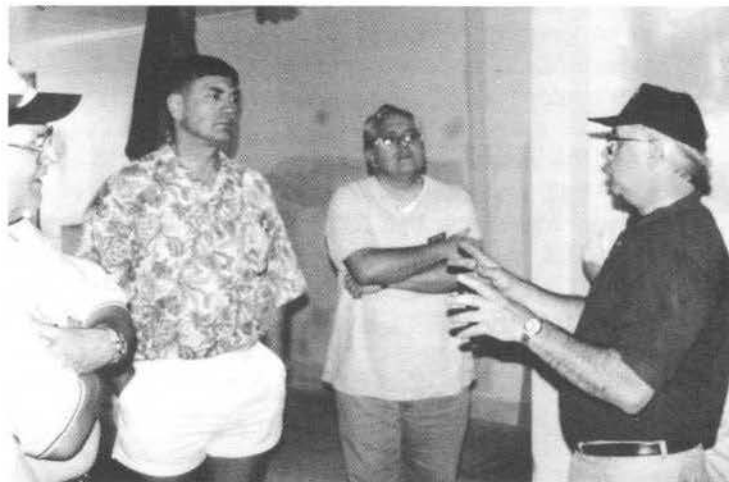
Alumni Association President **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, said that plans call for restoring the house to its original condition when it was home to several generations of the Roller family.

Negotiations are underway with the Pentecostal Church which now owns AMA to have church craftsmen do most of the restoration work. Saunders appointed **John Hash, '75**, to chair a Museum Committee to work out details. Other committee members include **Paul Bratton, '48**, **Steve Trent, '70**,

Duke Fancher, '58, **Frank Spencer, '49**, **Sturges Bryan, '58**, and **Tommy Mitchell, '52**. The committee not only will suggest how the house should be restored but what will be displayed and how it will be staffed. The committee will report to the AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors at its next meeting in the autumn of this year.

The house, built soon after the Civil War, is in the center of the campus complex between the Mess Hall and Deane's Castle (The Hill). **Professor Charles S. Roller**, the founder of AMA, built the house and lived in it until his death in 1907. There, **Colonel Tom** and **Major/Colonel/General Charles, Jr.** were raised with their brother **Dr. W. C. Roller** and a sister, **Maggie Bell**. In later years, Maggie Bell married **Colonel Warren Robinson** and she lived in the house until her death. Since then, it has housed the Band and been the school library.

Alumni who visited the Roller home during the reunion were pleased at its architectural integrity. Plans call for the dedication of the AMA Museum during the 1999 reunion weekend.



Reverend Jim Dunlap, right, explains how the Roller Homestead can be made into an AMA Museum. Listening with interest are, l. to r., Frank Spencer, '49, Steve Trent, '70, and John Hash, '75.

Rooms for rent in Big Barracks? Likely in 5 years

The principal buildings on the AMA campus will be remodeled for use by the Virginia District of the United Pentecostal Church, the new owners of AMA. We may dine in the gym at the 1999 reunion. And alumni may be able to spend another night in Big Barracks! Story on page 7.

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Dear Fellow Alumnus:

What a reunion! The biggest turnout we have ever had. Approval for the AMA Museum we have been talking about for so long. Announcement for a new planned giving program that will assure that AMA's legacy is never lost. The opportunity to see our old teachers as the alumni of Augusta paid honor to these dedicated educators and friends. You couldn't ask for much more over a very busy and rewarding weekend.

Now, the work begins. We are looking for class agents to assure a new record attendance at our 1999 reunion. We need help and advice on setting up our museum and manning it. We certainly want each alumnus to give careful thought to how he can help the AMA Alumni Association now, and after he is gone. While we are still so excited about this year's reunion, its time to plan for the future.

We can't expect just a few dedicated cadets to carry the entire load. Read this issue of *The Bayonet* carefully and see where you can be of the most assistance. Then, let me know where you would like to serve - Membership, Finance, Museum, Scholarship, Reunion. Working together, there's nothing a bunch of Augusta men can't do!

Goodloe Saunders, '57

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.



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Letter to the Editor

I was so moved by the passing of **Paul Hoover** that it spurred me finally to write while there is someone alive who will know me. It has been a great pleasure to keep up with AMA news through *The Bayonet*. Thank you for a first rate newsletter.

There is not much I can add to the great descriptions of Paul Hoover than those already published. If he was anything, he was the most uniquely devoted, absolutely consumed teacher I ever met and I was blessed by his attention to me. He could make you feel 10 feet high or just as low but he gloried in the achievements, especially mental, of his students. It seemed to be his main goal in life. I was struck by this many years later when I went back to visit Augusta.

To me, he was not just a teacher at AMA. He was AMA - at its best.

Milt Gallier, 49



Why Fort Defiance?

No institution of learning has a more desirable location than this: it is pleasantly situated, 1,300 feet above sea level, in one of the most beautiful sections of the Valley of Virginia... your child will not be exposed to the pernicious influences which are necessarily more or less incident to all towns and cities. Because (Augusta is) away from barrooms, billiard saloons, ten pin alleys, the thronged streets, and other allurements that tempt the boy from his books, it is not so difficult for him here to apply his mind and time to study and to keep within the bounds of rectitude and morality... the pupils of this School have entered without difficulty the Senior classes of even the University of Virginia and have graduated from them on the first year's examination... and its charges are less than those of any other Virginia school of like grade and the same educational advantages
- from the *Augusta Male Academy catalog of 1882-83*

1929

Charles Yon lives in Pueblo, CO. He is retired from CF&I Steel.

1930

Jack Woods still lives in Las Vegas where he has been the "signing agent" for USAA for many years.

1934

Lee Walker and Evelyn were married 58 years ago at the Old Stone Church by **Reverend McBryde**. The Walkers live in Gap, PA. (See *Augusta Memories* on page 20)

1935

Herb Jacob lives in Bonner Springs, KS. He retired from Hercules in 1984.

Julian Quarles has retired after many years of law practice in the Miami/ Coral Gables area.

1936

Dr. Joe Shomo lives in Aledo, TX where he was in private dental practice from 1965 until 1986.

1937

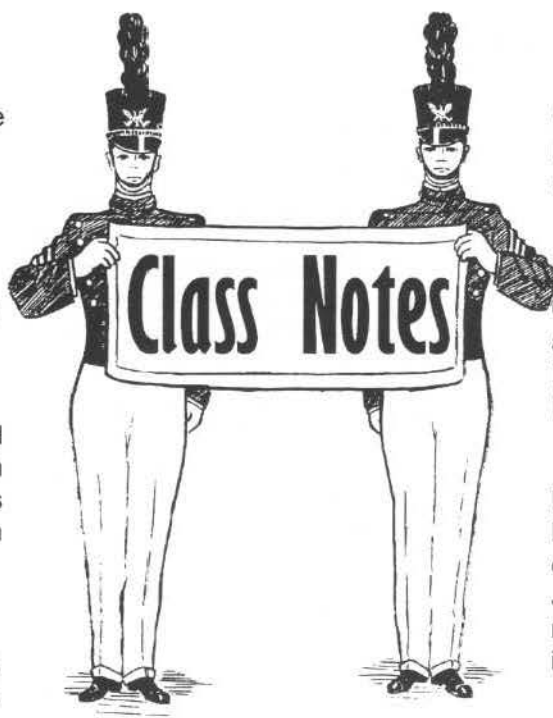
Bill Gray became a great grandfather on 13 January - a little boy - Tyler Jonathan Ochoa of Katy, TX. Wife Betty writes that when she and Bill married, "he inherited 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandsons!"

1938

Major General Charles Ryder retired from the Army after an illustrious military career. He was commanding general of the 199th Infantry Brigade at Fort Benning and in Vietnam. After he left AMA, he attended West Point, Class of 1941. General Ryder lives in San Antonio.

1939

Jack Bamford and his wife Mary stopped



1941

Clayton Rich was involved with fund raising for Emory University before he retired. Clayton lives in Atlanta.

Alvaro Escallon recently retired as Columbian ambassador to China. Alvaro has residences in Miami and Bogota. **Mickey Gordon**, '39, and Libby attended a reception in his honor in Washington, DC in mid-April.

1943

Bob Guggenheimer writes from Madrid with the sad news that his dear wife Carmen passed away in January. They would have been married 47 years in February. You are in our thoughts and prayers, Bob.

Judge B.A. "Monk" Davis officially retired the first of the year, but still will serve as a Franklin County, VA substitute judge when needed. (See **SPOTLIGHT** on page 25)

Earl Cabaniss is a retired bank president. He lives in Pulaski, VA.

1946

Dr. Ed Leventen is a physician practicing in Los Angeles. He was captain of the CW Company his senior year. The late **Arthur Eichelbaum**, '41, was Ed's first cousin and Art was also captain of CW Company.

through Fort Defiance in April and plan to be back next May for his 60th reunion. They visited with **Mickey Gordon** and Libby on their way back home to Schuylkill Haven, PA after having spent the winter in Florida.

John McCune is an attorney at law in San Antonio.

V. P. Leavel attended the May reunion and was looking good. He's been recovering from a heart attack. Keep taking care of yourself, V. P.



50th ANNIVERSARY - Some of the Class of 1948 at the 1998 reunion. Front row, l. to r., Tom Moon, Don Fretz, Luther Sykes, and Dick Wilding. Back row, Bill Harris, Ernest Click, Hal Walters, Paul Bratton, and Carter Wood

George Snarr is a retired lawyer living in Winchester. He was a partner in the law firm Snarr, McCandlish and Rockwood from 1984 until 1996.

1947

Dr. Tom Callaghan is a psychiatrist in private practice in Fresno, CA. He has lived in California since 1970.

Harry May reports that his printing business is flourishing. He and Jane recently moved to a new home in Sterling, VA.

1948

Bill Harris and Frances own and operate the Heart of My Heart Bed and Breakfast in Round Top, TX.

Jim Chezem was sidelined with heart bypass problems and couldn't attend the reunion this year. We missed you, Jimmy! He reports that he secured his 37th patent last October. Jim is the principal in Innovative Products of Titusville, FL and was previously retired as a lieutenant colonel after 16 years of active service with the Army.

Allen Tomlin retired in 1992 after 37 years with State Farm. The Tomlins live in Greensboro, NC.

Paul Bratton and Ruby enjoyed the 1998 reunion. Ruby says she is "*feeling just great these days...*" having overcome some very serious health problems. The Brattons live in Millboro, VA.

Ernie Click and Marge drove to the reunion from Umatilla, FL. They had a great visit with brother **Edwin**, '50, Sue, and their sons David and Bill. Both boys attended the Saturday night banquet. David earned the AMA Legacy Scholarship in 1997.

1950

Latelle "Bud" LaFollette, III, will become a grandfather in December if all goes as planned. Bud's entire family has been in the coal land business for the past 100 years. His father graduated from AMA in 1918 and his son graduated from Augusta in 1979. The LaFollettes live in Sarasota, FL from October until June

and in White Sulphur Springs, WV the rest of the year.

Reverend James Lupton is the priest-in-charge at St. George's Episcopal Chapel in Lake Landing, NC. Jim and Eliza retired in 1996, his last church before retirement being in Stuttgart, AR. He delivered the invocation at the general membership meeting during the reunion.

1951

Jack Hodge is vice president of David Volkert and Associates. He previously retired as Chief Engineer for the Virginia Department of Transportation. Jack lives in Blackstone, VA.

1953

Manuel Balbis owns and operates a wholesale tire export company in Miami. He retired as President and General Manager of Firestone in Argentina. It was great seeing him at the reunion!

Lew Muddin owns and operates Creery, Limited, custom shirt makers in Richmond since 1907.

1954

Mike Bottino is how you knew him, but he has changed his name to Michael ben Bottino. He lives at 595 West End Avenue in New York City.

Ken Hoke retired in 1996 as Director of Information Services at Guilford of Maine. Ken and Ellie have relocated to Elon College, NC.

1955

Senator John Chichester chairs the Finance Committee in the Virginia State Senate where he helped steer an expensive school construction bill into a yearlong study as requested by Governor **Gilmore**. Chichester and

others said the spending bills carried huge price tags and that Gilmore's victory in last November's election made the car tax cut a first priority. Chichester represents Stafford in the Virginia State Senate.

1957

Goodloe Saunders and Brenda have sold their farm on Afton Mountain and are building a new house. "*What a job,*" says Goodie.

1958

Sturges Bryan and Sue attended the reunion in spite of the fact that Sturges has just gone through treatments for prostate cancer at his home in Salisbury, NC. At Friday's dinner, Sturges publicly thanked **Duke Fancher**, '58, for his support. Duke has had the nasty stuff also.

Wes Livengood is a manufacturer's representative for WAL Associates of Winston-Salem, a firm representing 14 companies that make material handling devices.

Bill Jaeger, a banker for the last 30 years, is now with CENIT. He lives in Chesapeake, VA.

Don Radford came to the reunion after attending the NASCAR race in Taledaga, AL. He's from Geneva, NY.

Al Garcia is Director of Bioprocess Research and Development at Pharmacia and Upjohn. He and Sandra, his wife of 21 years, drove down to the reunion from Kalamazoo, MI.

Bill Yates and his wife Carol came to the reunion from their home in Niagara Falls. Bill, a former CW, headed straight for the Mess Hall when he visited the Academy grounds. Bill has retired from teaching English in the Niagara Falls school system.

Randy Osman lives in Oregon where he is a fine arts appraiser specializing



Senator John Chichester

in paintings, sculpture, prints and drawings. He has a graduate degree in Fine Arts from New York University and he has spent years in the commercial gallery business in New York, Philadelphia and Portland, OR. Randy just returned from the East Coast where he visited his mother in Tampa and his brother in Greensboro.



Randy Osman

Major General Jim Meier and Paulette are enjoying retirement at St. Helena Island, SC. Jim's brother **Jack, '55**, met Jim at the reunion and had a little family reunion of their own.

Kent Middleton writes from Vero Beach, FL that he is a lieutenant with the fire department there. He has 3 grown sons and last October, Kent won the Masters Mister Florida Bodybuilding contest.

Ed Trout has retired from the National Park Service where he was an historian. He lives in Sevierville, TN.

1960

Purnell Westbrook recently had prostate cancer surgery. We are happy to report that he is recovering quickly.

1961

Dick Connor's oldest son, Ian, is getting married in Switzerland in August while Dick and Jane are completing a move from Atlanta to New Hampshire. Son Liam, who is on the Dean's List at VMI, has been selected to attend Oxford University this summer. Ian, VMI, '91, had a perfect 4.0 in his international MBA program in Switzerland. Dick is a US Airways Captain.

Mike Lobalzo is President of H.C. Lobalzo, a company that designs restaurants and supermarkets, and supplies them with equipment. He is married to his AMA sweetheart Jeannie

and they live in Akron, OH. Their son and daughter are both in college. e-mail: AKHobart@aol.com

Dr. Coleman Carter is an internist in Charlotte, NC. Coleman is married to Nancy Gardner, **Colonel Gardner's** daughter.

1962

Norm Strehle, Jr. has lived in New Jersey for the past 20 years where he is in the truck brokerage business. He graduated from the Citadel and served on active duty as an officer. Home address: 510 Madison Avenue, Dunellen, NJ 08812. He and his wife Carol really had hoped to attend this year's reunion and would love to hear from his classmates.

"Beep" Horan just returned from a fishing tournament in the Grand Cayman Islands.

Bill Brooks owns Bill Brooks Arms & Militaria in Montgomery, AL. A former member of the French Foreign Legion, Bill deals in quality military arms and insignia.

Al Escoda was captain of E Company

his senior year. After overseas duty in Korea, he returned to Iowa where he has lived ever since. e-mail Al at: asterterm@hotmail.com

Dick Cooke is in telecommunications sales in Columbus, OH where he represents GTE and NexTel.

1963

John Wright checks in from Fort Eustis, VA where he serves as a Department of the Army Civilian employee. His middle son Jeff had his first child in January. Youngest son Jordan is an MP in Tagu, Korea. Another son is in sales and service for W.L. Black Environmental Services in the Newport News, Williamsburg, Gloucester area of Eastern Virginia.

Alan Berliere is District Manager for Circuit City in Palm Desert, CA.

1964

John Bullock would like to hear from guys in his class. Write him at: P. O. Box B, Lock Sheldrake, NY 12759

1965

Peter Lampman is President of Virginia Amateur Sports and founder



'58 AT THE OLD STONE CHURCH - Members of the Class of 1958 in the nave of the Old Stone Church. Front row, l. to r., Duke Fancher, Bob Seeberger, Wes Livengood, and Sturges Bryan. Back row, General Jim Meier, Bill Hedgepath, Slade Ballou and Hugh Harmon. Duke Fancher succeeded in getting a huge turnout from the Class of 1958 for the reunion.

and organizer of the Commonwealth Games of Virginia, a 43 sport festival held each July in Roanoke. The 1998 Games are scheduled for the weekend of 17-19 July. Peter says: "We have a sport for you if you are ready to play." Their website is found at www.commonwealthgames.org

Joseph Lea, III is a second generation Augusta man, his father having graduated in 1929. Joe practices law in Orlando.

1967

Mickey Toms and Susan are expecting a baby in July. Congratulations! They live in Charlottesville. Mickey tried to get to the reunion, but military duties in Richmond kept him away

Bayliss Sharp checks in to tell us how much he enjoys reading *The Bayonet*. His address: 3111 Yukon Road, Richmond, VA 23235.

Rick Smail and his wife Mary Ann rode into Fort Defiance for last year's reunion on a Harley. Rick is a Delta captain stationed in Salt Lake City and they had flown into Washington and rented the bike. This year, he ordered a new Harley to be delivered to his parents' home in Pittsburgh for the ride down Route 11 to the reunion. Alas, the airline had other plans. Having flown a 727 for quite a few years, Rich was offered a chance to fly the 767 - and non-stop training began on 5 April and ran right through the reunion weekend. Rick also has been elected Council Chairman for the Airline Pilots Association Salt Lake chapter. We missed you guys!

1969

Bruce Orenstein is working for a British company called Group 4 and is starting up U.S. operations to design, build, finance and operate jails and prisons for adults and juveniles. Bruce and his family live in Laurel, MD.

Bill Scarborough is branch manager of Kaman Industrial Technologies in Houston. Most of Bill's career has been in the bearing, power transmission and industrial supply market. He is married for the second time "to

a wonderful girl named Sue. We have 3 great children and 6 grandchildren... We live just north of Galveston where I can fish and play an occasional round of golf..."

Bill Leustig owns Beyond Training, a PC consulting and training company in Los Angeles. He lives in Glendale.

Mike Bare was disappointed that he was not able to attend the reunion. He was overseas at the time and wants to be remembered to everyone in Band Company. Mike lives in Fairfax.

1970

Gary Nicholson will retire from the Metropolitan Washington, DC Police Department this summer. Gary was elected Vice President of the AMA Alumni Association in May.

1972

Tom Barnes manages the Las Vegas office of Psomas and Associates, a land surveying, engineering and planning company. He is working on one of the world's largest hotel/casinos which will replace the old Sands Hotel with "The Venetian Project." You can e-mail Tom at: tbarnes@psomas.com

Doug Driscoll owns AD Media, an advertising agency which publishes a weekly entertainment paper serving northeast Indiana.

Lewie Kennett says, "I'm on line... finally!" e-mail: lkennett@aol.com

Steve Pearson thought he was coming to the reunion until the very last moment, but in the end he wasn't able to make it. We missed you Steve and we know that you were responsible for so many of the guys having come back this year.

Doug Pennock owns the largest landscaping business in Puerto Rico. He plans to open a live plant operation in the near future.

1973

Jeff Clark is a supervisor for Strohman's Bread Company in Erie, PA. Jeff is a father of 4 and was located by **Larry Horowitz**, '73, who recalls

that he and Jeff were rats together in **Alfredo Zayas'** 1st squad of **Dean Lohman's** 1st platoon of **Sandy Anderson's** B Company.

1974

Mike Bruder had surgery and complications in late February, but he's on the mend now, we're glad to report. Mike's mother and his brother **Bill**, '75, attended the reunion in May.

1975

Glenn Keller is a systems analyst for the Cinergy Corporation in Indianapolis. e-mail: Gkeller@lquest.net

1978

Gary Gertz is senior radio producer for the United States Senate Republican Conference. He lives in Waldorf, MD. e-mail:

1979

Eric Trivitayakhun owns a broadcast projects company in Bangkok, Thailand. He has installed 17 radio and 3 TV stations for the Thai government.

Latelle LaFollette, IV graduated from Carnegie Mellon where he was the DJ for the campus radio station. He went to work for Apple Computer when he graduated and still is with Apple in Charleston, WV. At AMA, he worked in the museum which was below the Big Room. (See Class of 1950)

1981

Major Todd Livick is stationed at Fort Eustis, VA. He was promoted to his present rank last year.

1984

Gustavo Campos writes from Bolivia that he will not have an e-mail address for a while. He will advise us when he gets a new one.

Wayne Kreson visited friends in Southern California during the winter.

Chris Meek is proud to announce the birth of his second daughter Christina Rose on 1 April. He says that "Riley, age 4, is being the best big sister a little girl could want..." Proud Dad missed his first reunion in quite a while this year, but will be back in '99.

Apartment in Big Barracks

AMA buildings to be remodeled

The new owners of Augusta have outlined plans to rehabilitate the campus buildings and have invited the AMA Alumni Association to locate its long sought museum in the old Roller home located between the Mess Hall and Deane's Castle. Speaking to the annual alumni membership meeting during the 1998 reunion in Staunton, Reverend Jim Dunlap, Superintendent of the Virginia District of the United Pentecostal Church, said, *"We don't want AMA to be forgotten. We are proud of your heritage and honored to be a part of your history."*

A consortium of 57 Pentecostal churches purchased Augusta last November, including 45 acres of surrounding property. The consummation of the purchase brought to an end the several false starts and false hopes generated by a series of owners since the school closed in January of 1984.

5 year goal

Dunlap said that the church's 5 year goal includes the restoration of most of the campus buildings. Already, major work is underway on the gymnasium and the academic building. The Big Room will be a chapel and the gymnasium is being converted into a training center. Work first commenced on the gym roof which had lost its integrity permitting rains to buckle the floor. The roof and floor have been repaired and plans are underway to install a fine carpet which will permit games to be played, but also will serve well as a meeting place. Double paned windows will replace the windows which have been a feature of the building since its construction in 1928.

"We hope that you will have some of your reunion events in the gym next year," Dunlap said. *"We would be excited about preparing a meal for you during your 1999 reunion."*

The false ceiling has been removed in the Big Room revealing the high beamed ceiling which cadets of earlier years will remember. The Academic Building was constructed in 1908 and the Big Room served as the AMA gym until 1928. On the reunion weekend, workers were busy extending the Big Room stage to accommodate a pulpit.

Ready for June meeting

The church is moving fast to ready the first two buildings for church summer camp scheduled in mid-June. Artisans and craftsmen from across



PICKING OUT A ROOM? - Alumni in the courtyard of Big Barracks during the 1998 reunion. Former cadets may be able to stay there in the next few years.

Virginia are volunteering their time and expertise to have the projects completed on time. Church volunteers were able to install a sewer line to the city system along Route 11 at a cost of some \$1800. An outside contractor had estimated that the job would cost \$30,000. The campus is now on city water and electricity is being restored to buildings as they are made safe.

The only planned demolition on the campus involves some of the additions to the Mess Hall. The plan is to physically separate the Mess Hall, the old Roller home, and Deane's Castle (The Hill). Deane's Castle will be turned into apartments for church staff and conference delegates.

Big Barracks

Big Barracks also will have a complete remodel. The church plans to plumb the rooms and turn them into 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units which will be available for sale. The church will manage these units which will be

rehabilitated to *"the standards we are used to today,"* and will rent them out for church conferences and the like. *"I can imagine that some of you fellows may want to stay in these rooms from time to time when they are ready,"* Dunlap told the alumni gathering. *"I would think you'd like to be back on your home ground for a few days."*

The new infirmary, built in 1975, is the new home for a church official and his family. Davis Hall (J Barracks) and the swimming pool are having their roofs replaced. For the time being, Hoover Hall below the Big Room has been sealed off. That area eventually will be remodeled as will the class rooms next to the Big Room.

"This is all very exciting news," said **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, AMA Alumni President. *"We are pleased with the new owners' plans to restore the buildings to the glory they once knew. We look forward to a long and happy association with our new friends."*

New AMA Legacy Scholarship given

For the first time, 2 AMA Legacy Scholarships were conferred during the 1998 AMA reunion. For several years, the alumni association has given a \$1000 stipend to the deserving child or grandchild of an alumnus to attend an educational institution past the high school level. For the



**Helen Bradford
in 1950**

first time this year, there is a second award: the Helen Bradford AMA Legacy Scholarship created by **Bob Bradford, '50** and Nancy in memory of Bob's mother who passed away 10 years ago. The first winner of the Helen Bradford Scholarship is Jamie Saunders, the daughter of **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, and Brenda.

The other AMA Legacy Scholarship went to Elizabeth Webster, granddaughter of **John Webster, '27**.

Profiles of the winners on page 12



Scholarship winners - Two beautiful young ladies who earned the 1998 AMA Legacy Scholarships. Left, Jamie Saunders, daughter of Goodloe Saunders, '57, and Brenda, winner of the first Helen Bradford AMA Legacy Scholarship; and Elizabeth Webster, granddaughter of John Webster, '27.

Remembering... Doc Savedge

By Jerry Tolson, '60

It was the fall of 1957 when after a long bus ride from West Palm Beach to Staunton and a cab ride to Augusta Military Academy, I stepped out onto the blacktop in front of Main Barracks, a place that would be my home for the next 3 years.

I had been expelled from the entire school system in the state of Florida. A little excessive I thought when all I did was to get drunk at the school picnic at Palm Beach High and punch out my algebra teacher who had flunked me on a test. (Actually, I got the answers right, but I didn't follow the teacher's instructions and he had, as promised, given me an F...)

A cluster of guys stood in the arch by the OD house and the Commandant's office, cutting up, having fun and renewing friendships. When the cab pulled up and I in civilian clothes unloaded the few things I had brought with me, a man broke through the crowd and came toward me with his hand outstretched. "Welcome to AMA! You must be Jerry Tolson from West Palm Beach." I couldn't believe what I was hearing, as pleasant as it was. "How in the world do you know who I am?" I asked. The man replied, "Jerry Tolson, I know all about you." To this day, I have never found out how he knew who I was, but that was the beginning of a friendship that I have never forgotten.

The man was **Colonel Charles "Doc" "Chuck" Savedge**. The greeting at the front arch was the beginning of a long and dear friendship as well as a learning and growing experience that I needed badly. That was the beginning of a new lease on life for me. Doc was the first person I met on my first day at Augusta, a turning point in my life. He was an inspiration to everyone's life he touched. He was a giant!

Remembering... Stan Bach, '30

By Charles Yon, '29

I was a class ahead of **Stanley Bach** and I remember what a great football player he was. In the 1928 season, Stan was an outstanding halfback. I believe we were playing Greenbrier on our home field and Stan ran 2 kickoffs back for touchdowns. A very impressive performance that I shall never forget. **Charlie Payne** from Beckley, West Virginia was the team captain and **Merrit Railey** from Charlottesville was the quarterback. I was a lineman (by the way, we played both offense and defense in those days and we were on the field the entire 60 minutes).

Faculty lauded for their "universal commitment"

The unique, effective, dedicated AMA faculty and staff were lauded for their "universal commitment" to AMA cadets at the Saturday night banquet during the annual reunion. **Charles "Hap" Starr, '51**, of St. Thomas, VI, led a multigenerational salute to the Augusta teachers whose brilliance and sacrifice gave AMA cadets their special training for life.

Starr recalled the teachers who made a difference in his time, then called on alumni from other decades to salute their teachers. **Julian Quarles, '35**, of Miami, recalled the Roller brothers and many of the military department leaders of his day. **Jim Starnes, '50**, of Crownsville, MD, saluted the mentors of his era with some particularly humorous remarks about AMA's Mess Hall. **Gordon Metz, '68**, of Martinsville, VA spoke about the teachers of his years at AMA. **Shawn Ogimachi, '77**, of Santa Cruz, CA, saluted the post Roller faculty and staff telling how they had shaped his life.

More than 2 dozen former faculty members attended the dinner. The next issue of *The Bayonet* will feature extracts from each of the banquet presentations.



Charles "Hap" Starr, '51, led the salute to the Augusta faculty and staff at the Saturday 2 May banquet during the 1998 AMA Alumni Reunion.



Julian Quarles, '35



Jim Starnes, '50



Gordon Metz, '68



Shawn Ogimachi, '77

Saunders names committees

AMA Alumni President **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, has named committees for the next year and has invited all alumni who are interested in serving to volunteer to be on committees. "You don't have to be on the Board to serve on a committee," Saunders pointed out. "The more guys we can involve on our committees, the better it will be."

Committees and current members are:

Finance: Jeff Wenzel, '70; Rod Willey, '51; Mickey Gordon, '39

Membership: Nick Syropoulos, '69; Mac McGinness, '73 (Note: the search is on for class representatives from 1939, 1949, 1959, 1969, 1974, and 1979 to promote attendance at next year's reunion of these 1999 honor classes.)

Museum: John Hash, '75; Duke Fancher, '58; Paul Bratton, '48; Tommy Mitchell, '52; Frank Spencer, '49; Steve Trent, '70; Sturges Bryan, '58

Reunion: Tommy Simmons, '53; Gary Nicholson, '70

Scholarship: Gary Nicholson, '70; Jeff Wenzel, '70; Bob Bradford, '50

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, contact Goodloe Saunders.



A DECADE APART - Brothers Joe Saunders, '60, and Mac Saunders, '50, at the Saturday night banquet where the Augusta faculty was honored.

◆ Faculty Facts ◆

James McDowell

attended Augusta as a CW in 1948-50, graduated from VMI, then came back to teach 7th grade from 1956 until 1968. He also coached wrestling, was backfield coach for varsity football ('56-'58), Peep football head coach ('58-'68), and baseball coach ('60). After leaving AMA, he taught at Weyers Cave (VA) Elementary. James lives in Staunton.



McDowell, AMA cadet in 1949

William Sedr is Headmaster at Fishburne. He taught and coached at AMA 1978-84.

David Trimble went to AMA 1956-60, then came back to teach there 1970-74. He coached fencing with **Colonel Hoover**, tennis, cross country, and varsity football while teaching U.S. history, American government, economics and 7th grade math. David also ran the school laundry.

Bob Hart taught 9th grade English and French at AMA for 13 years ('42-'50 and '67-'70).



Hart in 1950

He also taught at public schools in Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina - 44 years in all. His son George attended Augusta. Years ago, Hart began to collect state plates and now has one from each of the 50 states. The Staunton *News Leader* recently did a story on this unique collection.

Don Studer was on active duty and assigned by the Army to AMA until 1981. From then until the school closed in 1984, he worked in the Commandant's office. He now lives in Waynesboro.

William Lobb, Jr. is assistant principal at Beverley Manor Middle School in Staunton. He was on the AMA faculty in 1968-70 teaching a variety of 7th grade subjects. He was assistant football coach at Augusta, track coach and he started an 8th grade basketball team. He attended Hiram Scott College and got his masters at James Madison.

Will Parkins was at AMA for 32 years beginning just after he came home from World War II until 1978. Colonel Parkins ran the administrative office for most of those years. He's a 1935 graduate of AMA after which he finished at Virginia Tech.



Parkins in 1958

Gordon Coleman is Associate Professor and Assistant Dean of the School of Library and Information Services at the University of Alabama. He was at AMA one year ('74-'75) where he taught English and was J Barracks Housefather.

Joe Josephson was Senior Army instructor at AMA from 1969 through 1979, and from 1983 until 1996 was Commandant and Athletic Director at Miller School. He also coached football and basketball. His AMA football teams won the Virginia Independent Conference in 2 of the 3 years he was coach. The Josephsons live in Fairfield, VA. Sergeant Josephson served on active duty in the Army from 1948 until 1969, serving in both Korea and Vietnam.

Mobray Allan taught English, Latin, French and algebra at Augusta for 2 years - 1959-61. He now lives in Quincy, IL.



Allan in 1960

Clint Bales taught Latin, English and Spanish at AMA in 1947-51 and coached the swimming and tennis teams while assisting with football. He says he well remembers **Captain Fontaine's** hot apple pie and cold milk "*which was good for hangovers!*" After leaving Augusta, Clint was assistant dean of men at Northwestern. In 1979, he founded Go Travel and moved the company to Orlando in 1981.

Elaine Huffman worked in the Headmaster's office for **Doc Savedge** from 1975 until the school closed. She remembers particularly "*Colonel Savedge and his dogs, Colonel Hoover, Sam Wales, Colonel and Mrs. Livick, Colonel Hogg, Max Hutton, Will Parkins, Bob Moore, Tim Mannasmith and many special cadets...*"

Dave Rapp was at AMA from 1969 until 1978 teaching Spanish, 8th grade, geography and U.S. history. He coached varsity lacrosse after **Ed Hart** and varsity soccer after **Paul Hoover**. Dave taught at Fishburne 1978-91. He lives in Weyers Cave.

Robert Mancuso was at AMA for one year 1973-74 and taught 5th grade and 8th grade science. He lives in Orange City, FL.

Tim Thompson also was at Augusta for just one year 1983-84. He taught physical education and health. He worked with the Boy Scouts after AMA closed, then has worked in Northwestern Region educational programs since 1989. He lives in Middlestown, VA.

Mal Livick accomplished many things at Augusta from teaching 7th grade and 8th grade English and science to coaching basketball, tennis and baseball to running the school. But ask him his favorite memory of Augusta Military Academy and he says without pause, "*Meeting Linda.*"

John Wallace served on the PMS&T staff and was in charge of the armory. He also worked with the Band and says **Colonel Roller** was tops.

Jerry Claiborne served for 29 years as a college head coach with such football powerhouses as Kentucky, Maryland and Virginia Tech. He was Coach of the Year once in both the Southern and ACC Conferences, and Coach of the Year 3 times in the Southeastern Conference. In addition, he was an assistant coach



Claiborne, 1950

at Kentucky, Texas A&M, Missouri, Alabama, and Colorado. Yet, he tells **Will Parkins, '35**, in a letter: "I would not trade my 2 years at AMA (1950-52) for any other 2 years of my career. That first year living in the barracks, teaching 4 classes, having 8th grade study hall, coaching football and basketball, being Officer of the Day... It kept me busy but I gained so much which helped me later in life. Being able to keep up with **Colonel Roller** was a full time job!" Jerry lives in Bowling Green, KY.

Ralph Sassaman taught history for 2 years at Augusta (1968-70). He coached football, basketball and baseball. Since 1971, he has taught at Newark High School in Delaware. He remembers with some pain that the Blue and White got blasted 77-0 by Greenbrier in his first game as coach. "I was nuts enough that I would suit



Clint Bales, left, AMA Latin, English and Spanish teacher (1947-51) talks with Bob Hart who taught English and French at Augusta for 13 years (1942-50 and 1967-70) during the banquet honoring AMA faculty at the '98 reunion.

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."

Henry Brooks Adams, *The Education of Henry Adams*

up and play in practice... **Mal Livick** never knew, I don't think..."

W. A. "Bugs" Hill was the Band instructor 1978-82. He graduated from Augusta in 1951. After AMA closed, he taught in Augusta, Nelson and Page County schools. His favorite AMA memory: the nights when cadets came around after Taps and threw all

the shoes in the courtyard.

Michael Ridge taught English and remedial reading 1970-79, helped with the tennis team, and sponsored the Theater Group.

Joyce McDonald was Head Librarian 1968-72. She later worked in school systems in Fairfax and Madison.

PERSONAL EXCHANGE

1973 or 1974 Recall: Does anyone have an extra copy of either or both yearbooks? **Paul Cartwright, '74**

Need a '58 Recall: Would like to have a copy of the 1958 Recall. And I'd like to hear from guys who were at AMA with me. **Kent Middleton, '58**

Looking for David Stolitsky: He was my favorite cadet in F Company in 1960. It's been 38 years, and I'd really like to see him. Can you help me? **George Holt, '60**

Don't have a single Recall! I attended AMA 1971-75 and I don't have a single Recall. If you have a Recall from any of these years, just name your price! **Bob Walker, '75**

Remember Jack Pensyl, '61? Jack's daughter is trying to locate any pictures of him in a yearbook or elsewhere. Can you help? Her name is **Donna Goldberg** and her e-mail

address is: dgoldber@wrsystems.com

Where is Cesar Rodriguez, '60? e-mails to him are undelivered. Does anyone know where to find him? **Frank Williamson, '60**

Wanted! Class Agents! We need guys from '39, '49, '59, '69, '74 and '79 to get their classmates back for the 1999 Reunion. Interested? Please advise Ed Click at the address below.

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Can you help any of these guys?
Contact Ed Click, '50, P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101.
e-mail: Grampso2@juno.com

1998 AMA Legacy Scholarship winners

Elizabeth Spears Webster

She speaks Japanese and likes to ski on snow and on water. She's a computer whiz who has taken her summers to go on missions to help others. She earned mostly A's in high school while taking intense piano training and starring in soccer.

Her name is **Elizabeth Spears Webster** whose grandfather **John Webster** graduated from Augusta in 1927. Her great uncle and several other relatives also attended AMA.

"My grandfather died when I was 10 years old," Elizabeth says, "but I know AMA through the stories my father has told me. One wall of our den has numerous pictures of my grandfather in his AMA uniform, standing in formation in front of the school..."

This past fall, Elizabeth was admitted early as a freshman for the 1998 fall entering class at the University of Virginia. With her interest in pursuing Japanese, she cites the excellent foreign language and Asian studies departments at UVA. In her letter of admission, Virginia Dean John Blackburn said, *"Your record in secondary school is impressive and places you among the most outstanding students in the country."*

Buying a computer

She probably will use her AMA Legacy Scholarship money to purchase a computer which will enable her to access reference materials from libraries all over the world. She has yet to decide if she will major or minor in Japanese, and may use her knowledge of the language and Japanese customs to study international relations and business.

Elizabeth was one of 50 High School Diplomats chosen from around the country to attend a fortnight long seminar at Princeton with 50 Japanese students. Whatever her major, she will spend her junior year studying in Japan.

Elizabeth and her family live in Springfield, VA where she has been active in church work. On successive summers, she helped refurbish dilapidated houses in West Virginia, assisted in building a home for abused women in Maine, worked on a farm in Kentucky, and tutored elementary children after school.

Elizabeth is her senior class Student Government Representative this year. She is vice president of the Japanese Club, was a delegate to Girls State, and is Chair of the National Capitol Presbytery Youth Connection.

In her competitive essay, Elizabeth writes that her first concern is *"a loss of values within American society... athletes engaging in violence against their wives, girlfriends and coaches while receiving only slaps on the wrist... pornography protected by the First Amendment."*



Jamie Houston Saunders

Jamie Houston Saunders says that 3 things were instilled in her early in life: travel! patience! acceptance! *"My father (Goodloe Saunders, II, '57) was an Air Force officer and he opened my eyes to the many ways life can be experienced..."*

Jamie will enter Elon College in North Carolina in November and will pursue a study of sports medicine. *"At first I wanted to be an athletic trainer... but have decided that I really want to be a personal trainer in the Air Force... helping men and women get healthy bodies in safe ways. This also will permit me to work with Special Olympics since Elon has a close and positive connection with that wonderful organization..."*

When you read Jamie's high school record, you quickly learn where this interest in sports medicine was born. While earning A's and B's all through high school, she discovered volleyball. Discovered it, embraced it, mastered it. She attended both the Virginia Tech and Penn State volleyball camps and earned certificates for outstanding participation at both. She won the Silver Medal in Junior Olympics volleyball in the Virginia Tech Shamrock Tournament and earned varsity letters at Western Albemarle High.

Many worthy causes

Jamie is a proficient clarinet and bass clarinet player and has volunteered to help a number of worthy causes: the Helping Hands Food Pantry in Charlottesville, Habitat for Humanity, and her church youth group. For 6 years, she has helped the local Lions Club with its fund raisers. During the summer, she has been a designer, sales clerk, delivery driver and bookkeeper for the family flower shop and spent one summer painting fences and caring for horses. Jamie and her family live in one of the most beautiful settings in the world high atop Afton Mountain overlooking the breathtaking Virginia valley that was home to the TV Walton Family. An excellent horseback rider, she loves to camp, and enjoys reading and art.

In her essay, Jamie recalls when her Dad was stationed at Yakota Air Base, Japan. *"We sat cross-legged at the dinner table, took part in the Cherry Blossom Festival, learned a new language, and made many life long friends. I want to venture through that door which my parents opened for me..."*

"My father has played an important part in my life. He has taught me to 'roll with the punches' and to find the humor in life... My father often advises me to take a deep breath, step back, and relax. It always seems to work..."

Jamie plans to study abroad under an Elon College special program.



Roller Society approved

Planned giving program gets alumni nod

Plans have been unveiled to raise at least a half million dollars for a new Roller Society, the income from which would underwrite Augusta Military Academy scholarships in perpetuity. **Jeff Wenzel, '70**, made the proposal at the annual membership meeting during the 1998 reunion. Wenzel is Planned Giving Coordinator for the AMA Alumni Association and proposes a program that would encourage alumni to designate a portion of their estates to support the AMA Legacy Scholarship program.

"The spirit of Augusta will be perpetuated through our gifts to the scholarship fund," Wenzel said. "We want to make it easy for AMA alumni and friends to make deferred gifts, the kind of gift that might not be feasible during life. What we all had at Augusta, other kids can have through an education supported by AMA scholarships."

AMA Alumni Association President **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, hailed the report. *"Supporting our scholarship funds is the principal mission of the AMA Alumni Association. Young men and women who were not born when Augusta was open can still feel the touch of that special place when they receive these awards. Jeff Wenzel's program gives each of us an opportunity to assure that legacy as well as our own."*

The AMA Alumni Association has a federal tax exemption for its educational scholarships. Contributions to the AMA Legacy and VMI Scholarship Funds are tax deductible to the giver, both on federal and most state returns.

*"The Roller Society for Scholarship" would recognize individuals who make deferred gift commitments to benefit the AMA scholarship funds. A committee chaired by **Gary Nicholson, '70**, will roll out its program to raise the \$500,000 goal. "The Roller family has exemplified the spirit of AMA," said Wenzel. "We will honor the memories of **Professor Roller, Colonel Tom Roller and General Charles Roller, Jr.**" Members will receive certificates and a society pin to honor their commitment.*

Under the proposal approved by the membership, anyone who pledges a deferred gift to benefit the scholarship fund will be entitled to membership in the society. Planned gifts which qualify one for membership include, but are not limited to, wills, trusts, life insurance, retained life estates, and pooled income fund agreements.

"We encourage every alumnus and friend of AMA to consult his or her legal, financial or accounting professional," Wenzel said. "Deferred gift amounts do not have to be revealed. If you neglect to write a will, you will create huge problems for your survivors and you will forfeit the right to decide how your estate will be disbursed."

The committee will establish a plan for the perpetual management of the scholarship funds. *The Bayonet* will be used as the vehicle to announce news about the effort. In addition to Nicholson, other members of the Scholarship Committee include Wenzel and **Bob Bradford, '50**.



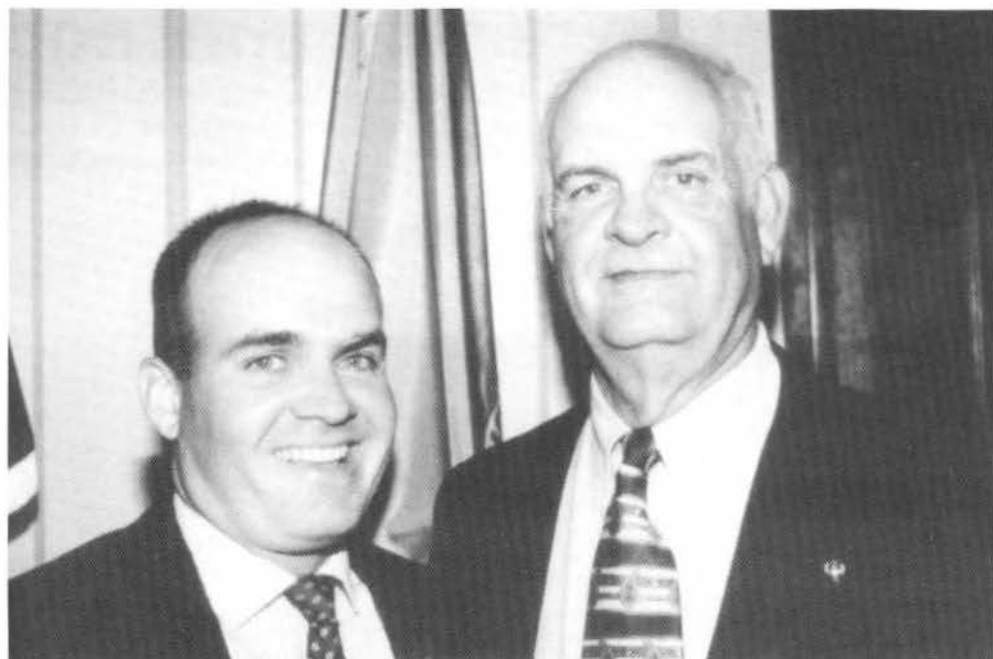
Jeff Wenzel, '70, Planned Giving Coordinator for the AMA Alumni Association, speaks to the general membership meeting asking approval for the creation of a Roller Society to honor those who contribute to Augusta's scholarships.



*The two most beautiful months
to be in the Shenandoah Valley*

1999 AMA REUNION
APRIL 30 - MAY 1







Above left: Major Todd Livick, '81, with his Dad, Colonel Mal Livick ★ Above, Linda Roller Livick speaks at the Founders Day ceremonies in the Old Stone Church Cemetery ★ Above right, standing, rear, Buddy Krise, '57, Jim McDowell, '90, also a former faculty member, and, seated, Colonel Glenn Koogler ★ Below right, guys from the Class of 1978 - Doug Colburn and Rob Harris ★ Below center, Frank Williamson, '60, with the special bottle of booze to be kept in a replica of the AMA tower "until there are only two left" to drink it ★ Below left, Hilton Roller Grasty, Colonel Tom Roller's daughter, and Colonel Will Parkins, '35 ★ Left, Nick Syropoulos, '69, Scooch Melcher, '71, Jack White, '69, and Jack's wife Susan Murdock

1998 AMA ALUMNI REUNION

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Deaths of AMA alumni and friends reported since June of 1997

ACOSTA, Fernando, ^37	HUMPHREYS, John William, ^81
AKERMAN, Alex, III, ^58	JESTER, Harold L., ^47
BACH, Lieutenant Colonel Stanley, M., ^30	JORDAN, Colonel Samuel Peal, ^36
BAILES, C. Max, Jr., ^45	LANG, Charles Vanderbilt, ^59
BAYDUSH, Edmund, ^45	LAWLER, James Neale, ^63
BAYDUSH, Junius, ^29	LAYNE, Harry Stuart, ^64
BIGGS, John N., Jr., ^58	LEE, James Edward, Jr., ^34
BOWERS, Roy, ^17	LOHMAN, Herbert L., ^47
CARR, Ralph B., ^23	LOPEZ, Raul Jose, ^52
CEASE, William M., Jr., ^28	MASSEY, Donald Kennedy, ^58
CHISWELL, Captain Benjamin, Jr., ^32	McMAHON, Robert Paul, ^82
CLARK, Charles Everett, ^70	MIKULES, Paul F., ^38
CLARKE, Alvin Wayne, ^71	MITCHELL, Murray V., ^70
COOKE, James W., ^60	MORRIS, John Nelson, ^49
COX, Gordon Harris, ^69	MOWER, Richard Higgins, ^57
CRASS, James E., III, ^35	NOEL, Edwin Lane, ^67
CROCKETT, James Edgar, ^60	O'DONNELL, Thomas William, ^53
DECKER, Frank W., ^60	PLATT, Richard Wesley, II, ^63
DORMAN, James R., III, ^58	POTTS, Allen Rives, ^39
DUBROS, Bill S., ^45	RALSTON, George Allen, ^75
DULL, Howard G., ^48	ROBERTSON, Lee Harold, ^54
ESCALLON, Rafael Villa, ^39	SALICRUP, Joseph, ^31
FISHER, Marion Webster, Jr., ^74	SANDRIDGE, Arthur M., Jr., ^58
FORKOVITCH, Nick J., ^41	SANDRIDGE, Arthur M., ^25
FORRER, Thomas Herring, ^40	SCHWARTZ, Richard W., ^67
GAMEWELL, Joe M., Jr., ^29	SCHWEBEL, Donald Bruce, ^75
GARRISON, Charles Sam, ^32	SHAW, David Winston, ^58
GARVIN, Hadden Glenn, ^41	SHOVER, Glenn Thomas, ^55
GLANITSIS, John T., ^64	SIZER, Alexander Curtis, ^31
GITTENS, Sidney R., Jr., ^40	SIZER, Colonel F. M.
GLEASON, Hope W., Jr., ^39	SMITH, Stuart A., Jr., ^59
GRAHAM, David, Jr., ^33	SMOYER, Robert B., ^60
GREGORY, Spencer, ^48	SPIGLE, Stephen Mark, ^74
HAGERTY, Gerard J., Jr., ^68	STANLEY, Thomas B., Jr., ^43
HAMILTON, Thomas Trion, ^49	STRONG, Theodore Francis, ^58
HARLOW, Michael Kirkpatrick, ^60	TRIMBLE, John W., ^60
HIGBEE, Newman A., ^32	TRUDELL, William H., Jr., ^69
HOFFMAN, Charles William, ^42	WEBSTER, Arthur "Tony", ^57
HOOVER, Colonel Paul Vance	WOLCOTT, John W., IV, ^68
HUFF, C. Rodgers, ^50	ZAYAS, Alvaro V., ^77

As the shadows lengthen tonight, the sun will set on an empty barracks,
but your memories will soar with you for eternity... ..goodbye.

- from General Roller's tombstone



Arthur M. Sandridge, Sr., '24

8 April 1987.

Lieutenant Colonel Stan Bach, '30

17 February 1998, age 89, at Lexington, KY. Played football and baseball at Augusta and the University of Kentucky where he graduated in 1934; halfback on the Wildcats 1932 team that defeated Alabama. Career Army officer; served with 1st Infantry during World War II; Normandy invasion; Battle of Remagan Bridge. Survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ollie James Cockrell, and a son, Miles Edward Bach, both of Lexington. Preceded in death by his wife, Tommie Carr Bach, and a son, William Bach.

Joseph A. Salicrup, '31

1998, in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

James E. Lee, Jr., '34

12 April 1998, age 83, at home, in Harrisonburg. Retired from Eastman Kodak. U.S. Army, World War II, in General Patton's 3rd Army; winner of the Bronze Star. Preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Byers Lee. Survived by a daughter, Susan Lee Parker of Williamsburg, VA; a sister, Nancy Ramsey of Dayton, VA; a grandson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Allen R. Potts, '39

26 February 1998, age 76, in Richmond. Retired senior vice president of Lone Star Industries. Graduated from VMI in 1943; Captain, US Marine Corps, 1st Division, World War II. Won Purple Heart in South Pacific. 2nd Marine Division, Korean War. Chairman, National Crushed Stone

Association; board member, Sovran Bank; board member, Virginia Manufacturers Association. Sailboat enthusiast; past Commodore of the Fishing Bay Yacht Club. Member, Commonwealth Club; Country Club of Virginia; Deep Run Hunt Club. Survived by his wife, Bette Wood Potts, of Richmond; 2 sons, Allen Rives Potts, Jr. of Essex Court, VA and William Cabell Potts of Annapolis, MD; a daughter, Jane Gordon Potts of Charleston, SC; 4 grandchildren; and a brother, Thomas Sims Potts of Anniston, AL. Reported by **Jim Lane, '49**, and **Jim McCausland, '39**.

Nick J. Forkovitch, '41

5 April 1998, at Rockingham Memorial Hospital in Harrisonburg, age 79. Former pro football player and coach of the Bridgewater College football team. Attended William and Mary; member, William & Mary Football Hall of Fame. Army service in World War II; Purple Heart with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Silver Star, and Presidential Citation. 50 year member of the Elks; lifetime member of VFW. Survived by his wife, Betty Ann; 2 sons, Nick, Jr. and **James. K. Forkovitch, '68**; 2 sisters, Diana DeVerio of Lorrain, OH and Dorothy Rowe, McKeesport, PA.

C. Max Bailes, '45

4 February 1998, at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Abingdon, VA, after a heart attack, age 70. Retired President of Clinchfield Coal in Dante, VA; member of Sinking Springs Presbyterian Church; US Army veteran. Survived by his wife, Caroline Buck Bailes; a daughter, Candy Morgan of St. Paul, MN; a sister, Retta Lincicome of Lewisburg, PA; 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Thomas W. O'Donnell, '53

18 March 1998, at his home in Staunton, age 60. Professional bondsman; associated with Seven Eleven last 20 years. U.S. Marine. Survived by his wife, Mary "Connie" O'Donnell; 3 sons, Richard Long, Dennis Long and James Long, all of Staunton; 2 daughters, Teresa Long of Richmond and Mary Long of Staunton; and a granddaughter.

Lee Harold Robertson, '54

17 September 1997, age 63, of a heart attack, at Fincastle, VA. 25th Judicial District Magistrate covering the Virginia Counties of Botetourt, Craig, Alleghany, Rockbridge, Bath, Highland, and Augusta and the Cities of Staunton, Lexington, Waynesboro, Buena Vista, Clifton Forge and Covington; served with Virginia Supreme Court for 13 years. Antique collector and appraiser. Survived by a daughter, Brenda Simmons of Fincastle; a grandson; and brothers Earl Dewey and Paul, all of Roanoke.

Arthur "Tony" Webster, '57

22 April 1998, at home, in Belleville, IL, after a long battle with cancer. Graduate of University of Kentucky; post graduate work at American University; graduate of the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA. Retired Air Force lieutenant colonel; served in southeast Asia during the Vietnam War; Bronze Star; 2 Air Force Commendation Medals; 2 Presidential Unit Citations; Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm; foreign award of the Royal Thai Supreme Command Wing Badge. Founded Creative Investments, a wildlife art and stamp business. One of 10 Outstanding Young Men of the Year in 1970; Kentucky Colonel; Survived by his wife Ann; a daughter, Elizabeth of Columbia, MO; and a son, Justin, of Boston. Burial in Louisville, KY.

Arthur M. Sandridge, Jr., '58

28 November 1968, in Sussex, NJ

Jean R. Hart

25 February 1998, at home in New Hope, VA, age 76. Wife of **Major Edwin Hart** who served on the AMA teaching staff for many years. Mrs. Hart was a graduate of William Smith College in Geneva, NY and was a retired Augusta County school teacher. Reported by **Mickey Gordon, '39**.

*Please report deaths and illnesses of AMA alumni to the
AMA Chaplain Bill Gray, '37 at
5111 - 8th Road, South, #107
Arlington, VA 22204-2817
Phone: 703/820-4781*

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

WE ARE GRATEFUL to all our Augusta alumni and friends for their contributions to the AMA Alumni Association this past year. Listed below are donations June 1997 to June 1998.

\$1000 or more

Bob Bradford, '50
Jerry Tolson, '60

\$500 or more

Mark Briggs, '68
Wayne L. Duncan
Stephen Matton, '67
Dr. John Morris, '49
Mrs. Arthur Sandridge, '25

\$250 to \$499

A. S. Ballou, Jr., '58
David Fechheimer, '59
Marvin E. Gordon, '39
Garry W. Granger, '71
Mac McInnis, '67
Major George I. Neal, '38
Robinson M. Overly, '62
Russell F. Smith, '62
Luke Snyder, '60
Lucius H. Stephenson, '39
Lester E. Zittrain, '48

\$101 to \$249

Mrs. Jean B. Acosta, '37
Dr. John Baumgardner, '42
Mr. Frank Blaylock, '61
S. R. Bross, Jr.
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Louis S. Philhower, Jr., '49
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Steven C. Rhatigan, '68
Herbert S. Richey, '40

C. Elliott Ridge, '59
Arthur G. Rodgers, III, '53
Jeffrey M. Schroeder, '67
Ing Ernesto R. Silva, '52
Benjamin M. Smith, Jr., '47
Frank E. Spencer, Jr., '49
James E. Starnes, '50
Reverend E. Lee Trinkle, III, '53
Robert D. Walton, '65
Alexander Wattay, '53
Norvell W. West, III, '83
Paul J. Wildman, '57
Daniel F. Yellott, '51
Charles B. Zehmer, '59

\$51 to \$100

Dr. Melvin G. Alper, '39
Frank Badalson, '71
Manuel G. Balbis, '53
John R. Bamford, '39
Anthony J. Beneventi, '81
William H. Bowers, Jr., '69
Robert B. Buckmaster, '48
Earl Daves Cabaniss, '43
J. Clark Campbell, '47
Paul A. Cartwright, '74
Robert M. Caudill, '46
Edward R. Champigny, '64
Stride Coleman, '72
Charles S. Collinge, '46
John M. Core, '51
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Judge B. A. Davis, III, '43
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Mark H. Femrite, '71
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William M. Harris, '48
C. Norris Harrison, '43
Alvin L. Harvell, '69
William F. Hedgepath, '58
Mike Herold, '58
Joe Josephson
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Irvin Gray Kinnie, '49
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Thad Lora, '48
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James E. McCausland, '39
John C. McCue, III, '66
James M. McLoughlin
Ronald P. Melcher, '71
John B. Minor, '42
N. Byrd Newton, '60
Noelle B. Nicholson, '75
Shawn N. Ogimachi, '77

Colonel Will Parkins
Jim Piersall, '70
Ronald Reigelman, '61
Robert M. Rhodes, '63
Frank W. Roach, '69
John A. "Jack" Russell, '50
W. David Sauters, '61
Eduardo Schonborn, Jr., '52
William M. Sumner, '47
Louis E. Suter, '72
W. Guy Townsend, '54
David D. Trimble, '60
David H. Wallace, '48
Harold L. Walters, Jr., '48
Henry C. Watkins, '34
Michael Crawley Welch, '47
Richard R. Wilding, '48
Rod O. Willey, '51
Frank Williamson, '60
Steve Williamson, '79
Jack G. Woods, '30
James A. Worley, '70

\$30 to \$50

Nate L. Adams, II, '41
William P. Baeder, III, '69
Thomas M. Behrendt, '40
Michael A. ben Bottino, '54
W. Sturges Bryan, '58
E. Curtis Burt, Jr., '45
Dr. Ernesto R. Calvo, Jr., '52
John F. Carson, '68
Rob B. Carson, '67
John R. Carter, '53
Phillip H. Casey, Jr., '63
John R. Congdon, '52
Colonel Sam G. Conley, Jr., '47
David E. Curl, '61
Michael E. Elliott, '41
Donald B. Everitt, Jr., '63
Sergio Fernandez, '56
Louis R. Gontrum, '54
Hilton Roller Grasty
M. Birch Grawl, '31
Arthur K. Hurme, '61
William R. Jaeger, '58
Colonel Mal and Linda Livick
Brian McCabe, '72
Thomas L. Moon, '48
J. H. Morris, Jr., '60
K. Gary Nicholson, '70
Ralph M. Parker, '51
Alan L. Poole, '67
Michael C. Stanton, '62
Luther W. Sykes, '48
Colonel William N. Thomas, '44

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Future AMA Museum

The Roller Home: then and now

Sometime after the Civil War, **Professor Charles S. Roller** built a house on a spot that would place it square in the middle of a military school campus that he had not yet conceived.

Four children were raised in that house: **Colonel Tom Roller, Major/Colonel/General Charles Roller, Jr., Dr. W. C. Roller**, longtime AMA physician, and **Maggie Belle Roller Robinson** who led the YMCA for many years and who was married to **Colonel Warren Robinson**.

In photos made in the early 1880's, the front porch was open and adorned by white columns. In a 1946 photo, top right, the porch had been screened in. Many a cadet will recall sitting on that porch with his date who was staying in one of Mrs. Robinson's rooms for a dance set.

After Mrs. Robinson's death in 1956, the house was used for a variety of purposes and served as the academy library in the last days of AMA's operation.

Today, the house needs exterior paint as can be seen in the photo, below right. But the structure of the old Roller homestead is sound. Workmen are cleaning out the house and preparing it for a major facelift that will take it back to an earlier look.

Within these walls, the Augusta Male Academy and later the Augusta Military Academy came into being. After the Professor's death in 1907, Colonel Tom and "The Big Boy" led AMA through 2 world wars and the Great Depression.

Once more, this historic house will shelter the legacy of our *alma mater*.



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Augusta Memories...

Lee Walker, '34, has a host of remembrances that his daughter Nan Walker has shared with us: "**Lee Landis** kept us warm on those cold winter nights. (Did you ever shovel coal for those furnaces?)... **Guts** was my first teacher at AMA. He was also the tailor who fitted our uniforms... 'Sorry, I nipped you'... What our barber didn't cut, he pulled out... **Lieutenant Fontaine**... you might call him a chef. He kept the Corps in good health my 5 years. Of course, he had the help of a wonderful lady, **Mother Mac**... The keeper of the bullion was **Captain Yarborough**. He ran a very tight ship... Did you ever tie a box to the 3rd stoop tower door and catch **Uncle Nate Parkins** in the head with a falling box? He came as close to swearing then as he ever did... wonderful man... One night, we decided to slam every door in Big Barracks in unison. **Colonel Tom Roller** was there before the sound drifted away. The lecture we got I cannot repeat... **Major Roller** could give you hell one minute and pat you on the back the next. One of my close friends was the Major's son **Charlie Roller, III**... it was never the same after his death. **Major E. Sears Yates** was a Marine and when he spoke, you jumped! The PMS&T was **Major 'Spring Foot' Brinkley**... There was no finer man than **Boots - Warren Robinson**, a fine example of what an officer should be... and there was another **Boots - Boots Walker**, the postmaster at The Fort, and **Miss Walker**, Colonel Roller's secretary... **Reverend McBryde** was the minister at the Old Stone Church. My wife **Evelyn** and I were married by him 58 years ago, so he did a good job of it... Great athletes included **Stanley**

Bach, Barney Weisker, Bill Rameley, Skeeter Clark and Burgess Whitehead... I am still fighting for the name of Augusta 'til the last white line is passed!"



Cadet Lee Walker, Class of 1934



Jimmy Mahanes, '56, and the late Ronnie Mahanes, '53. Jim is a surgeon in Easley, SC.

Herb McCawley, '43, says that when he first entered AMA, "**Lieutenant Hoover** introduced me to the duty officer **Major William Cherrington**, a West Pointer of the old school who taught math and French. He was as gallant a gentleman as I had the honor and privilege to meet... He had 'duty, honor, country' written all over him..."

Latelle "Bud" LaFollette, '50, says that his daughter and the daughter of his AMA roommate **Walter Schimmel, '50**, "went to see the AMA fencing team when Augusta visited Mercersburg Academy where they were in school. The Mercersburg team was coached by one Reverend

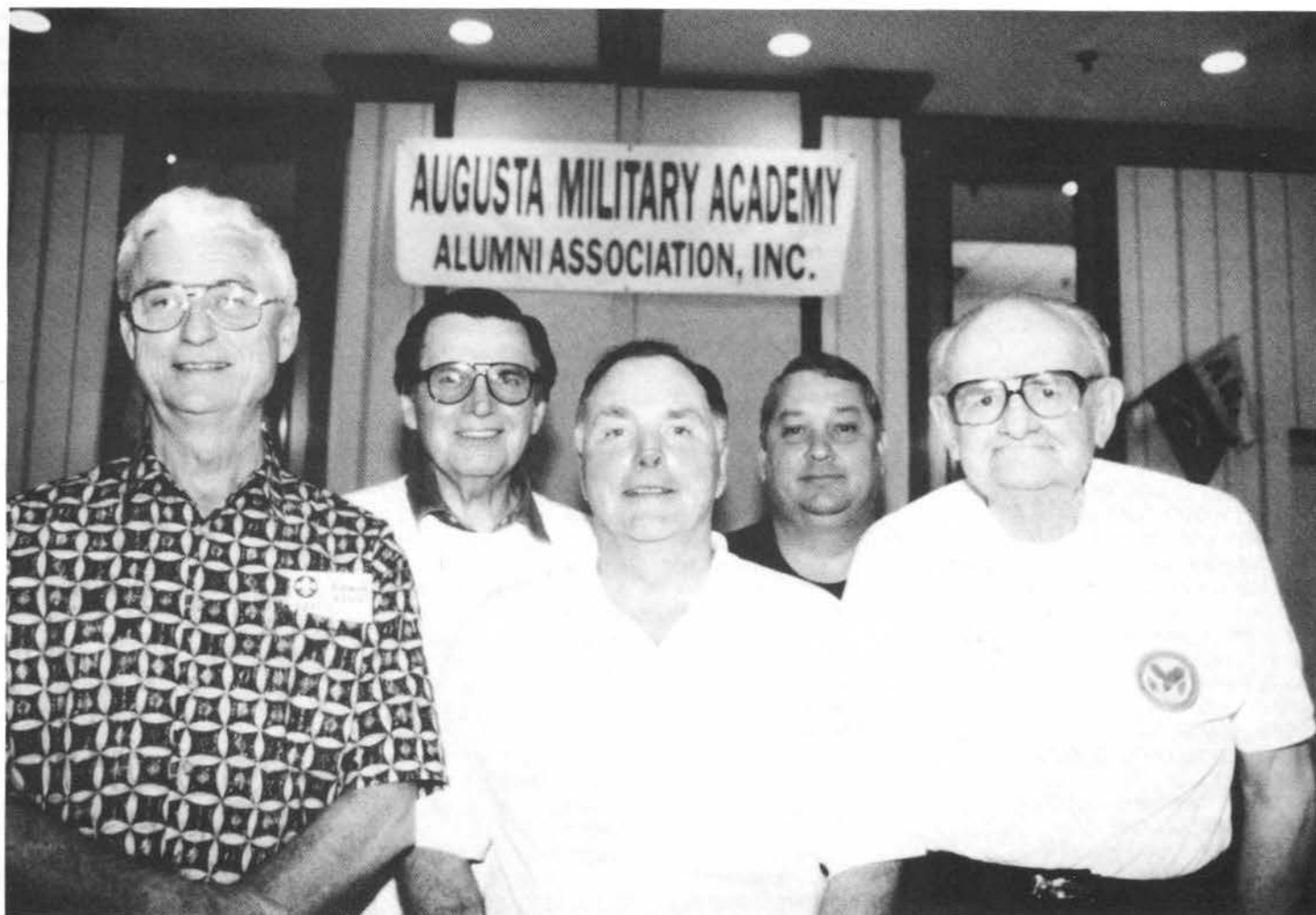
Peace, the proctor in the women's dorm. Well, my daughter told me that she and the Reverend heard words that day they had never heard before from our bombastic and legendary fencing coach **Colonel Hoover**, bless his dear departed soul..."

Randy Osman, '58, remembers that "**Colonel Hoover** suffered more than I did when I received more demerits than any cadet since the Civil War! I remember **Duke Fancher** and **Tyrone Tomasek** and **Bob Durst** and his brother. I especially remember **Carlos Giamarria** who was captain of B Company and who carried on at age 15 with the bearing of someone who was 30. I remember how 'adult' I thought they were, although none was older than I... I remember that **Joe Sefa** had a lot of trouble being away from home at first... My ultimate roommate was **Wayne Usry** from Richmond... senior cadets dubbed us "Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum"; we were always together, always in trouble, always defending each other."

Bill Scarborough, '69, lives in Houston, but last year he managed to get together with several AMA friends. "I finally tracked down **Stride Coleman, '72**, and since he still can't cook, **Louie Kennett** and **Rick Ellett** took care of things. We had a surprise visit from **Mark Femrite** who was my roommate in 1968-69. We went through Recalls from '67 to '72 page by page and were glad that the girls didn't announce 'lights out' until 4 AM... I also had an extended 'social hour' with **Jon McCutcheon** in Richmond. A truly wonderful week!"



*Our memories of AMA will last until
there are only two left to share them...*



AMA Alumni Association elects officers

AMA Alumni Association officers for the 1998-99 term were elected at the reunion on 2 May. L. to r., Ed Click, '50, Treasurer; Clyde Ramsey, '49, Treasurer; Goodloe Saunders, '57, President; Gary Nicholson, '70, Vice President; Bill Gray, '37, Chaplain.



CLASS OF 1968 - 30 years after graduation, quite a few fellows from the Class of '68 came back to the 1998 reunion. Those in the picture, left, include Gordon Metz, Lenny Pannell, Robb McDougale, Andy Turner, Mark Briggs, John Carson, John McCutchan, Howard Rosenthal, Jack Prentice and Jack May.

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Alumnus' grandson raises \$60,000 with *Titanic* keepsake

Jack Russell, '50, and Lenore have 13 grandchildren and they love them all. But Joey is pretty special these days.

In the summer of '96, efforts were made to raise a portion of the *Titanic* from the ocean floor. 1700 adventurers, including 3 survivors of the sinking, watched the attempt from nearby ships. On board one ship was 13 year old Joey Russell. His grandfather had given him the ultimate adventure - a ticket to watch the attempted raising. Joey, like his grandpa, is a *Titanic* buff, collecting every tidbit they can find about the world's most famous shipwreck.

Joey met Edith Haisman on his ship. She is one of the few survivors of the 1912 disaster. Joey had gotten an authentic *Titanic* postcard at a show a few years back, and he nervously approached Ms. Haisman to autograph it. She did, and Joey went home to Harve de Grace, MD with a priceless memento.

Back in school, Joey learned that his classmate's mother had leukemia and could survive only with a bone marrow transplant. Even if a match could be found, the transplant would cost some \$80,000 after insurance.

Fast forward to this year. Joey was one of the first in line to see the blockbuster movie *Titanic*. Joey realized that his postcard suddenly had new meaning - and value. The thought of parting with his postcard to make a profit never crossed Joey's mind. But here was a chance to help his friend's mother. He told his parents he was going to auction off the card to raise money for the transplant. Joey was suddenly in the spotlight. First, on local TV and radio. Then, Rosie O'Donnell called. Would Joey like to auction off his card on her hit TV show?

On 14 April, the highest bid for the card had been \$1600. On 28 April on the Rosie O'Donnell show, the cast of the Broadway play *Titanic* paid \$60,000 for the card! On 22 April, Joey was on the *Today* show with Katie Couric. And *People* magazine ran a picture story.

Congratulations, Joey! And congratulations, Jack! It is obvious that the responsibility and caring that AMA inculcated in all its cadets has been passed along to other generations.

From Colonel Hoover's attic

After Colonel Hoover passed away last November, family members turned over to the Alumni Association many boxes of photos and slides which had been stored in the colonel's attic. Most had no dates or other information to identify them. In this and future issues of *The Bayonet*, we will publish some of these photos and will ask your help in identifying the people and events that are depicted. Can you help us with the photo below? It looks like Camp Kanata (Deane's Camp). If so, what year was it and just who are these guys anyway?



Pictured below is a photo from Colonel Hoover's attic that appeared in the March *Bayonet*. Quite a few cadets have indicated that the picture was made of a Sunday parade in 1975. The Band Company Commander is **Bill Bruder, '75**. Others were tentatively identified as **Gary Stauffer, '76**, at the far right with his back to the camera, and **Shawn Ogemachi, '77**, who was the guidon bearer.



An AMA TRIVIA CONTEST has been added to Mike Arrington's online magazine. Mike, Class of '76, invites alumni to participate and to send him questions - with the answers, please! You can find the AMA Trivia Quiz at Planet Arrington: <http://members.aol.com/amzbooks/amatriv.htm>

SPOTLIGHT on JUDGE DAVIS, '43

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By Holly Roberson

Several times a week, **Circuit Judge B. A. "Monk" Davis, '43**, goes to McDonald's (in Rocky Mount, VA) for breakfast. Not because of his great love for the Egg McMuffin, but because nobody there knows him. Minus his black robe, in a room full of construction workers and other residents, he's just Monk Davis, a regular guy talking about sports or politics. "They could care less what I do," Davis said. At times, that can be refreshing.

For 24 years, the stern-looking Franklin County native has been Judge Davis. From his third-floor office in the courthouse, he has reigned over the court and, some would say, the county.

Most agree he is one of the most powerful men in this rural area, able to silence those who complain, chastise those who stray and always make his point.

To-the-point style

Prone to cussing when he is mad, the 72 year old has never hesitated to pick up the phone or send off a letter to anyone who he thought wasn't handling something properly. Some call this arrogance; others champion his "to-the-point" style.

"He says what he thinks," said friend and former Ferrum head football coach Hank Norton. "You know where you stand with him. People in Franklin County don't realize how blessed they have been to have him looking out for them."

Davis won't ever stop caring about Franklin County, but his role will certainly change when he retires in a few months¹ after the Virginia General Assembly picks his replacement. Chief Circuit Judge James Ingram said that a new judge could be a jolt for Franklin County accustomed to Davis, a good match for the county and its quirks. "Franklin County is... well, Franklin County, and he fits. He's one of them."

Being opinionated, Davis admits, has created an image he sometimes doesn't particularly like. "Fear generates

animosity," he said, "and I don't like to be in that position." His office is lonely at times; it's easier at McDonald's where he is just a grandfather who likes to talk about Franklin County football.

Holds his family dear

Several miles outside Rocky Mount on Hank Norton Highway headed toward Ferrum, a narrow road takes off to the right. At the top of a steep hill sit several black mailboxes, one with B. A. Davis on the side. The lane ends in a circular driveway next to a one story white house where a shaggy dog stretches on the porch. Lights glow brightly in a house full of things from the past.

Many rooms of the cozy, yet handsomely furnished house pay tribute to family, something Davis has always held dear. Long before he was born, his prominent Republican family had created a legal legacy in Franklin County as well as a place in the state's political arena.

Above the fireplace hangs a large portrait of his father, Beverly Andrew Davis II, who lived on the property before his son and was legendary for defending moonshiners. In another room hangs a portrait of his grandfather, another lawyer, who served in the Virginia State Senate. His uncle, a lawyer, was a member of the Virginia House.

"I always just assumed I'd be a lawyer," Davis said.

Sent to AMA at age 15

People have been calling him "Monk" for as long as he can remember. It's something his father started, but Davis isn't sure why. "It's one of those

things you wish people would forget," he said, "but they never do." At age 15, Davis' parents sent him to Augusta Military Academy. It was his first lengthy stay away from Franklin County. "God, was I homesick..."

During World War II, he served a hitch as a gunnery instructor in the Army Air Corps, then headed for Washington and Lee, where he graduated from law school in 1951. He did return to Franklin County in 1946 long enough to marry Elizabeth "Lib" Davis, his high school sweetheart. "He married an older woman," said his wife, giggling as she explained that Davis is 5 months younger than she.

Davis was an Assistant U.S. Attorney during the Eisenhower years and helped with an investigation of vote fraud



Judge B. A. "Monk" Davis, left, gets his robe adjusted by Judge Stuart Craig after Judge Carrington Thompson, right, swore him in 24 years ago.

¹ Judge Davis officially retired 31 December 1997

charges in Russell County, Virginia. He would later serve on a bipartisan prosecuting team during a probe of similar charges in Dickenson County in the 1960's. After leaving the U.S. Attorney's office in 1956, Davis returned to Rocky Mount and his family's law practice. Davis' son Drew, now a lawyer in Bedford, remembers his father working long hours in those years. After supper several nights a week, Davis would return to his office and his young son would come along. *"I'd look at law books or whatever,"* Drew Davis said. *"He never pressured me into the law. It was just something I always assumed I'd do."*

The younger Davis said his father ran his household much as he did his court, stern but fair. He remembers when he was about 4 and he decided to paint the lawnmower green. He poured a whole can of paint over the mower, gas tank and all. When his father got home, Drew got a whipping he didn't quickly forget. *"But I deserved it... He was always fair, and I appreciated that..."*

Long before he became a judge, Davis' family remembers playing court at home. *"We'd go on trial to solve who hit who first,"* said his daughter Sarah. Davis took the bench for real in July 1973 and immediately developed a relationship with Carrington Thompson who served as a circuit court judge with him in the 1970's. Thompson went on to serve on the Virginia Supreme Court. Both new on the bench, Thompson said he and Davis leaned on each other.

Quick to speak his mind

Some remember Davis' spirited side in the courtroom, where he once accommodated a reluctant witness who said he would rather go to jail than testify. Davis is quick to speak his mind outside the courtroom too. He has clashed with everyone from school officials to county officials. He took great offense when the (county) Board of Supervisors criticized a work-release program he had set up. And he complained when the Franklin County School Board hired a new superintendent from New York rather than hiring a local educator.

One of the most-told tales involving Davis dates back to 1965. When he was still a lawyer, Davis got into a fistfight outside the courthouse with another lawyer. Both men dismiss the incident and neither can recall the reason for the fuss.

Even those who disagree with Davis call him a fair judge. Some say he has a knack for knowing if a second chance will do a defendant any good. *"Everyone who came before him received a fair shake,"* said attorney Bill Davis, the judge's first cousin. Many will remember him as being in touch with the common man.

Moonshine matters

In Franklin County, where moonshine has long been king, Davis says most of the men behind the stills are hard workers driven by economic necessity to dabble in illegal whiskey. In his den, nestled near a picture of him and his father on the day he graduated from law school, is a



Judge Davis at home, stern but fair

moonshine still scene. It was made by hand for him by a whiskey maker he once represented. There is a handwritten message on the back of the copper wall-hanging that thanks Davis and his father for representing the moonshiner years ago. He's a "lawyer's judge," said Carrington Thompson. *"He's not looking for fame or publicity."* Davis got upset at the Franklin County Bar Association when he learned they were planning a retirement party for him. He wasn't being ornery. He just doesn't like the recognition.

Everything's black or white

Sarah Alexander sees a side of her father that few take the time to know. *"There's a soft side under the gruff exterior,"* she said. *"If you stay around long enough, you get through that... But there's no gray ground to him. Everything's black or white,"* she said, laughing.

With retirement, he'll miss the people at the courthouse most. To many of them, he is the only judge they have ever known. He'll still be around as a substitute judge, but it won't be the same, he said.

Sitting in his warm family room surrounded by pictures of his 4 grandchildren, it is easy to see he'll keep busy. He is always at their sporting events and other activities, his son said. In retirement, Davis may become more involved in county goings-on. And, of course, there will be more time to devote to his golf game.

The usually solemn figure is a sharp contrast to his probable replacement, his son-in-law, William Alexander II, the Pittsylvania County Circuit Court Judge. Talking about his return to Rocky Mount, Alexander laughed and said the biggest difference in the two is probably their personalities. *"I'll have some mighty big shoes to fill, mighty big."*



**Cadet Davis,
1942 Recall**



.30 calibre and water cooled...

The year? Unknown, but probably around the time of World War II. The weapon? It's a .30 calibre, water cooled machine gun, Model 1917, according to **Bill Brooks, '62**, who is a collector of military weapons. The cadet manning the gun? *The Bayonet* has no idea who he is. And the other cadets? No idea either. The setting? On the drill field. (That's the gymnasium in the background.)

Can you help us identify the approximate date of this photo and the fellow who is manning the gun? We have a copy of *The Battle of New Market* (by William Davis) for some fortunate person. Contact *The Bayonet*, P.O. Box 187, Danville, CA 94526-0187. FAX 925/736-2596. Or e-mail us at: AMABayonet@aol.com.

If we get duplicate answers, we'll be drawing straws to see who wins the book.

Wildman's plea

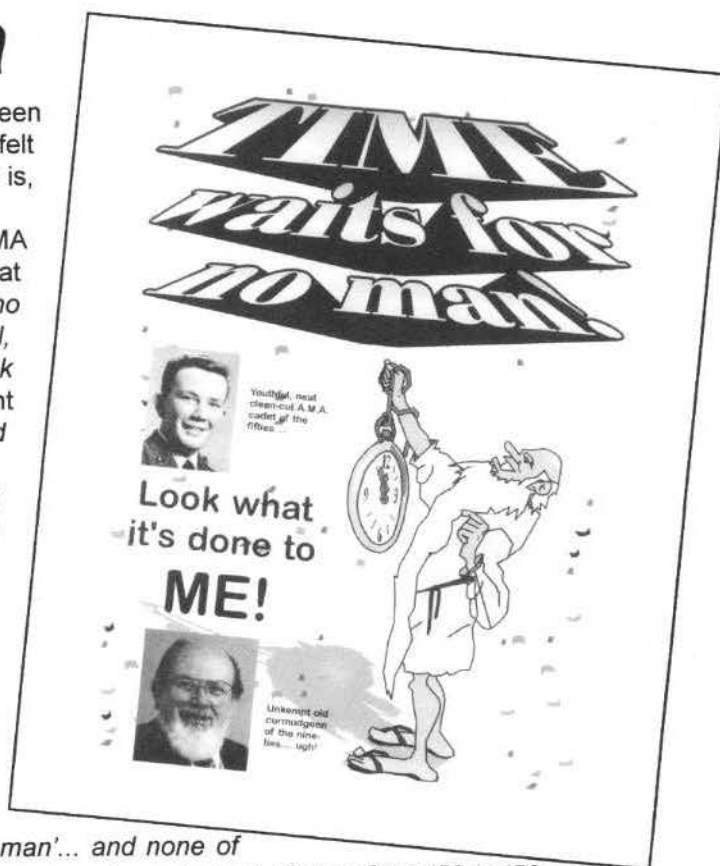
It has been 28 years since **Jerry Wildman, '57**, had been back to Fort Defiance. Living in Washington State, Jerry felt that he was too far away to get to an alumni reunion. That is, until this year.

In a letter to a wide range of cadets who attended AMA between 1953 and 1958, Jerry enclosed a flyer, pictured at right, which posed the proposition that "Time waits for no man..." Jerry reproduced a picture of himself as a "youthful, neat clean-cut AMA cadet of the fifties", then said "Look what it (time) has done to me!" Providing his current countenance, Jerry described himself as an "unkempt old curmudgeon of the nineties...ugh!"

"How can it be that folks can deteriorate so much in such a short period of time?," Jerry asked. "It seems only moments ago when some jerk was yelling 'Fall In!' and we were all marching into the Mess Hall..." Jerry described himself as "a little fat kid from West (By God) Virginia", but he hoped that his correspondents would come to the reunion whether or not they remembered him.

"I have lived out west for most of my life without easy access to alumni gatherings. This year, however, I have decided that I am going to make the trip to Staunton for the reunion... As the old saying goes, 'Time waits for no man'... and none of us is getting any younger..." Jerry's efforts paid off! There was a huge turnout of guys from '53 to '58.

Thanks for the great effort, Jerry. Everyone associated with the AMA Alumni Association appreciates your commitment and unique invitation to your old pals to join you once more in Staunton..



Attention: former *Bayonet*, *Recall* editors

Were you ever editor of *The Bayonet* or *The Recall* in your days at Augusta?

If so, you are invited to contribute articles of lasting interest for publication in future *Bayonets*. If you edited either *The Bayonet* or *The Recall*, you must have some very special talents, and you likely have some very special stories to tell.

Was **Colonel Savedge** your faculty advisor, or did you work on the school publications when **Colonel Hoover** was the faculty advisor? If so, probably have some very special stories indeed!

Your particular memories of AMA and the way it was will

be much appreciated by generations of Augusta men. If you have photos you would like to submit together with any story, we'll see that the pictures are returned to you after publication.

Remember how difficult it was to get your reporters to turn in their stories on time? Well, we are looking forward to hearing from you soon! Stories should be no more than 700 words and - you'll understand this - we reserve the right to edit any article for space.

OK, get to that computer, or typewriter. Bang out that story that's been inside for a long time. And mail, FAX or e-mail it to *The Bayonet*, P. O. Box 187, Danville, CA 94526-0187.

WORKOUT IN THE GYM

This was the scene in the AMA gymnasium on the Saturday of the reunion. Scores of volunteer craftsmen were working to make the gym ready to receive a mid-June Pentecostal Church conference.

The stacks of wood were being used to build bunk beds.

The new owners of Augusta have invited our alumni to have a meal, catered by the church, in the gymnasium during the 1999 reunion.



Do you look forward to receiving your Bayonet? Then, please remember that we need YOUR help in keeping it

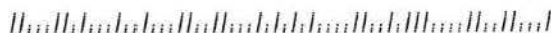
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